

### Remarks

In a telephone conversation on 9 December 2002, the Examiner indicated that the file did not contain a substitute specification. The Examiner requested that Applicants resubmit the substitute specification along with corroborating evidence of its earlier submission. Accordingly, attached is a copy of the originally filed substitute specification and corroborating evidence (i.e. a copy of the transmittal letter of 20 December 2000, and photocopies of the Acknowledgement Card stamped by the USPTO). Also attached for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of the Applicants' response and amendment dated 24 September 2002.

Applicants' corroborating evidence includes the following:

- A photocopy (i.e. file copy) of the transmittal letter indicating that the substitute specification was transmitted as part of the application at the time of filing. Specifically, Box 15 (substitute specification) of Form PTO-1390 is checked.
- Photocopies of the postcard receipt before mailing and after being returned from the USPTO. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the 5th line of the postcard wherein it details that there are 16 pages in the substitute specification. Please also note the date stamp of Applicant's attorneys.

In view of the above, Applicants courteously request entry of the substitute specification and the response and amendment dated 24 September 2002. If the Examiner feels this supplemental amendment is not fully responsive, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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